



	<p align="center"><b>Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting Minutes - Southern</b>  <b>September 22, 2009</b>  <b>5:00 pm – 7:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Charles County Health Department</b></p>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of IDEHA Staff and Participants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fahd Habeeb welcomed everyone and introductions occurred.</li> </ul>
<b>Meeting Framework</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of May's minutes &amp; evals</li> <li>• Overview of RAC</li> <li>• Meeting Purpose</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fahd Habeeb reviewed May's minutes and evaluations and emphasized the importance of completing the evaluations. Fahd explained that IDEHA really does look at the evaluations and takes them into consideration for future meetings.</li> <li>• Linda Fenlon gave an overview of the RAC and explained the purpose of the meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>IDEHA Overview</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Infectious Disease and Environmental Health Administration)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angela Wakhweya introduced the new integration between the Maryland AIDS Administration and the Community Health Administration. IDEHA, Infectious Disease and Environmental Health Administration is the same services and program areas the AIDS Administration always had, in addition to other disease threats and environmental health issues.</li> <li>• Angela reviewed the programs IDEHA covers. She explained how IDEHA is meant to strengthen the programs by offering a more coordinated approach, introducing an overall common health protection message, provide greater collaboration within departments, as well as increase the DHMH ability to monitor the quality of health care provided to affected individuals and communities. (Handouts provided)</li> <li>• Angela reviewed the IDEHA organizational chart.</li> </ul>
<b>Legislative &amp; Policy Update</b> William Honablew	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• William Honablew reviewed the structure and levels of government (Handouts provided)</li> <li>• William gave the group an overview of the new proposed renewal of the Ryan White Act and other new and upcoming legislation. (Handouts provided)</li> <li>• Linda Fenlon explained why this is important on a local level. She stated that every service the Charles County Health Department provides is Ryan White funded.</li> </ul>



<b>The Role of the RAC Co-Chair</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fahd Habeeb gave an overview of the purpose and role of the RAC Co-Chair. Major duties of the Co-Chair are to provide leadership on recruitment of HIV infected and affected members. The RAC Co-Chair is a two year term and may serve for two consecutive terms.</li> <li>Linda Fenlon has served for two years and commented that they really need two.</li> <li>Linda discussed how easy IDEHA makes it to do this work and how you can have input and interact with other groups. It takes a little bit of time but is not difficult.</li> <li>The current Co-Chair will serve as a “buddy” for two meetings. It is a two year term.</li> <li>Nominations are open until the October 22<sup>nd</sup> RAC meeting.</li> <li>Danny nominated Carl Ross. Carl did express interest. Danny Miller was nominated and accepted.</li> <li>Linda will email Dionna Robinson Danny and Carl’s contact information.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Dialogue Overview</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants discussed specific issues relating to IDEHA, HIV Care Services, and the tools for advancing community change. See notes on next page.</li> </ul>
<b>Care Services Prioritization</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Glenn Clark</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next month we will talk specifically about all the services we run and participants will rank them.</li> <li>We will look at the ranking and this will help guide what we do</li> </ul>
<b>Wrap-Up</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fahd reminded participants to complete the evaluations</li> <li>15 total participants</li> <li>Next meeting is October 22<sup>nd</sup></li> <li>RISE training is this weekend</li> <li>Meeting adjourned 7:00pm</li> </ul>



## Community Dialogue

Question 1	Question 2	Question 3
Tools for Advancing Community Change	HIV Care Services. a. How has the economy had any impact on your ability to get HIV care? b. What recommendations do you have to improve health services?	The Infectious Disease and Environmental Health Administration. a. How can the IDEHA provide better care to the community?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible video of policy education seminars</li> <li>• Increase funding (ways to expedite this)</li> <li>• How do I know if the letters I write are going to do any good?</li> <li>• Is “My Work” going to make a difference?</li> <li>• Who should we contact? How frequently?</li> <li>• How to communicate with elected officials?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local –Programs are losing \$\$</li> <li>• Non-Ryan White dollars for HIV service have been cut</li> <li>• Clients have lost jobs, housing challenges</li> </ul> <p><b><u>What are we doing right?</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent case management, adult ambulatory, MADAP – Services</li> <li>• Linkages between Southern Region Health Departments (Calvert and St. Mary’s Health Departments include a link on their website to the HIV Services page on the Charles County website.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>What is ideal?</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medication, Health Coverage, Specialists</li> <li>• Ensure funding for core services stays intact</li> <li>• Funds for co-morbid conditions &amp; primary care</li> <li>• Educating clients about what services are available.</li> <li>• Increase marketing of services</li> <li>• Speak to local colleges (Testing, prevention messages)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Increase linkages between Local Health Departments in Southern Counties</li><li>•Have other providers refer clients to where services are available</li><li>•Increase marketing, ex – bus signs</li><li>•Increase “Get Tested” Messages</li><li>•Increase funds for marketing; newspapers, local TV ads, Penny Saver</li></ul>	
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Respectfully Submitted,  
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